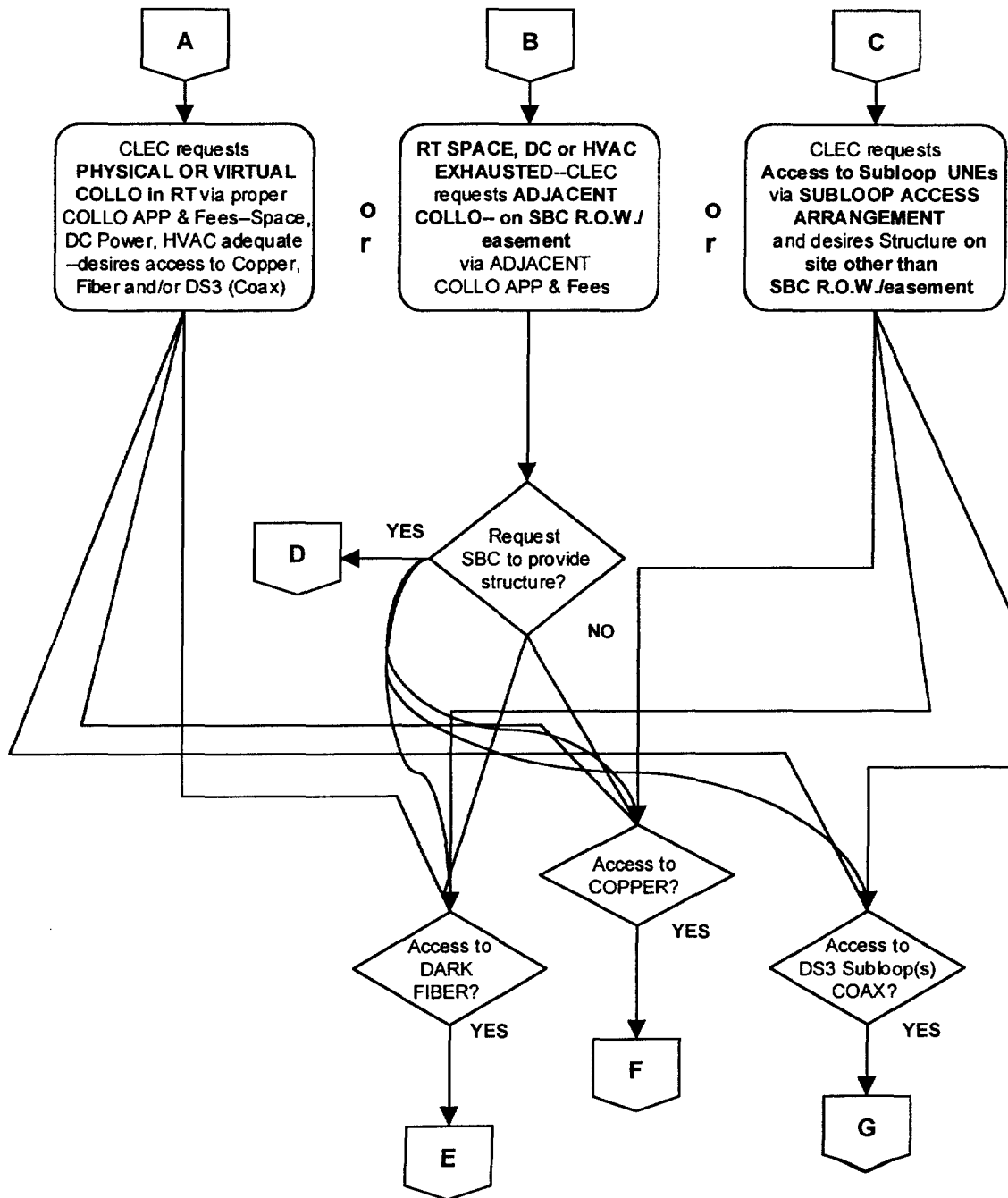
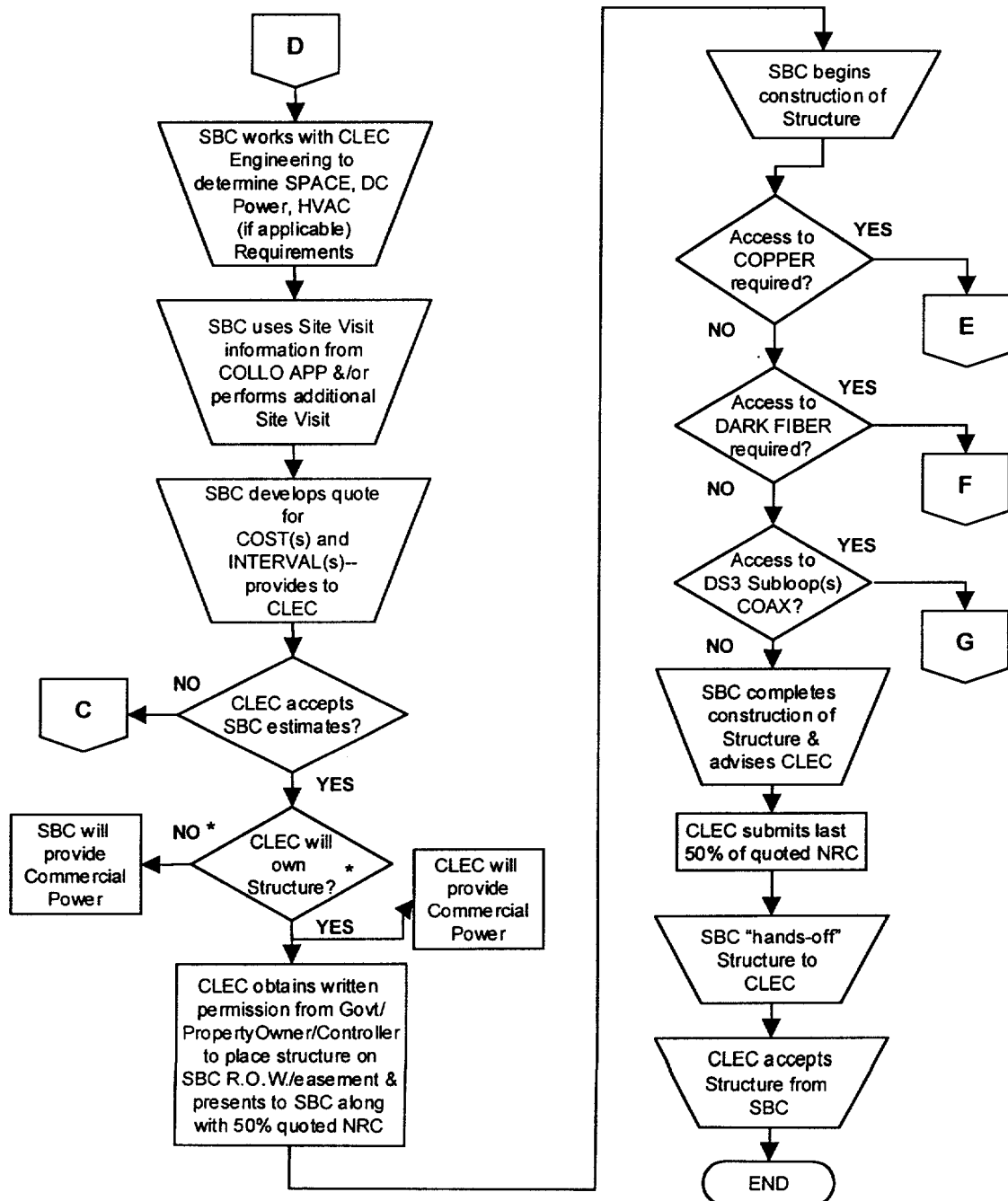


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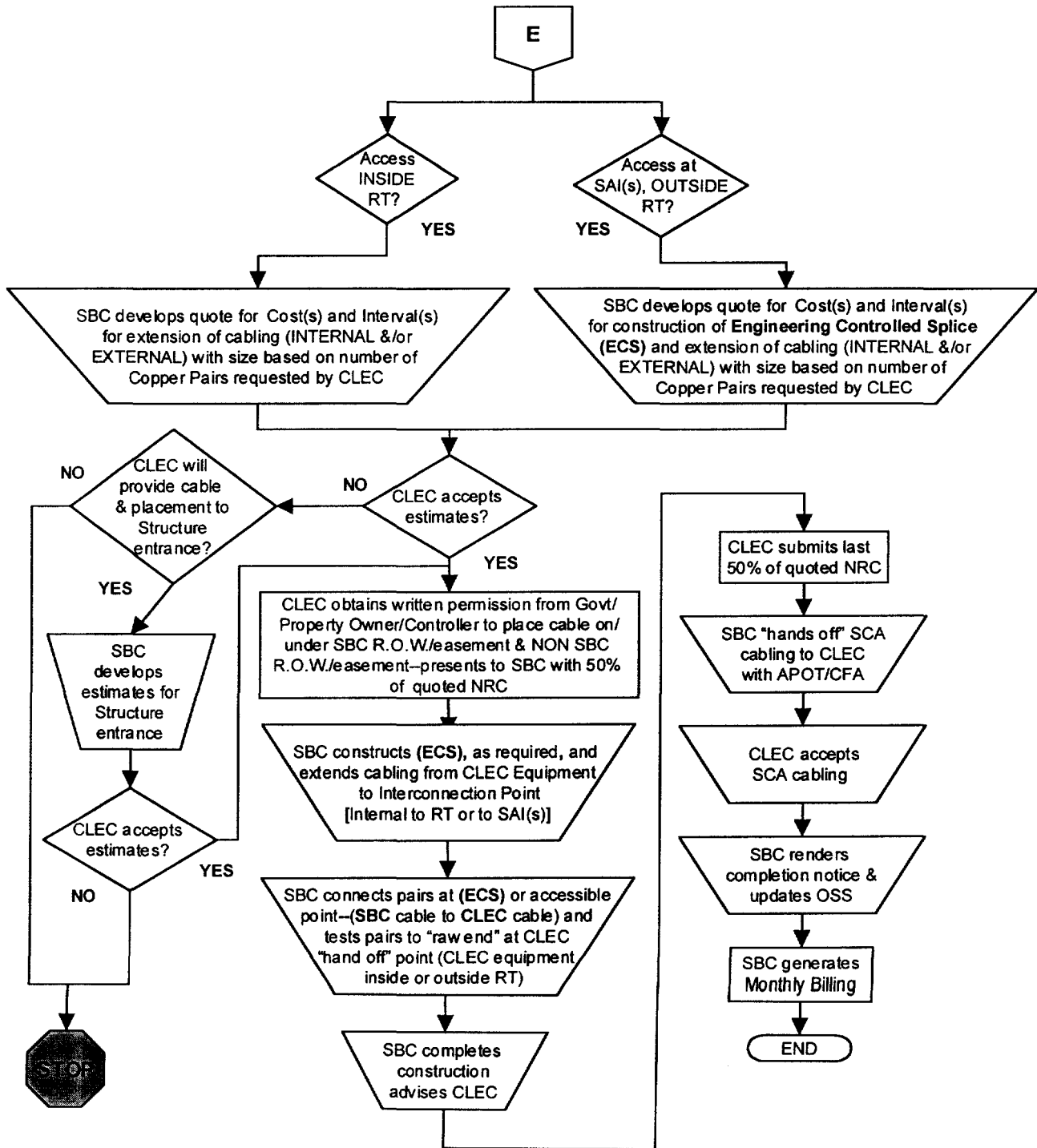
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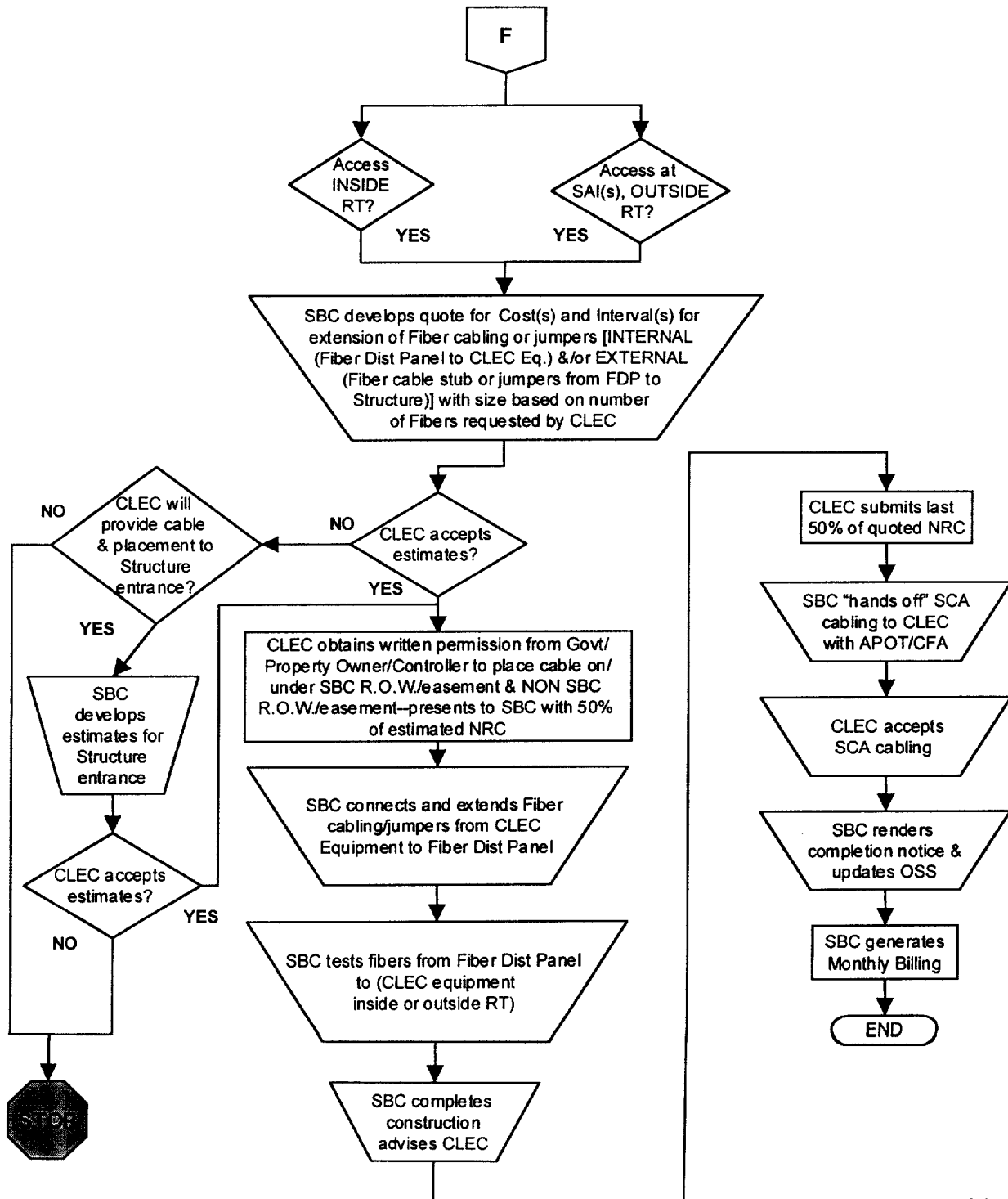
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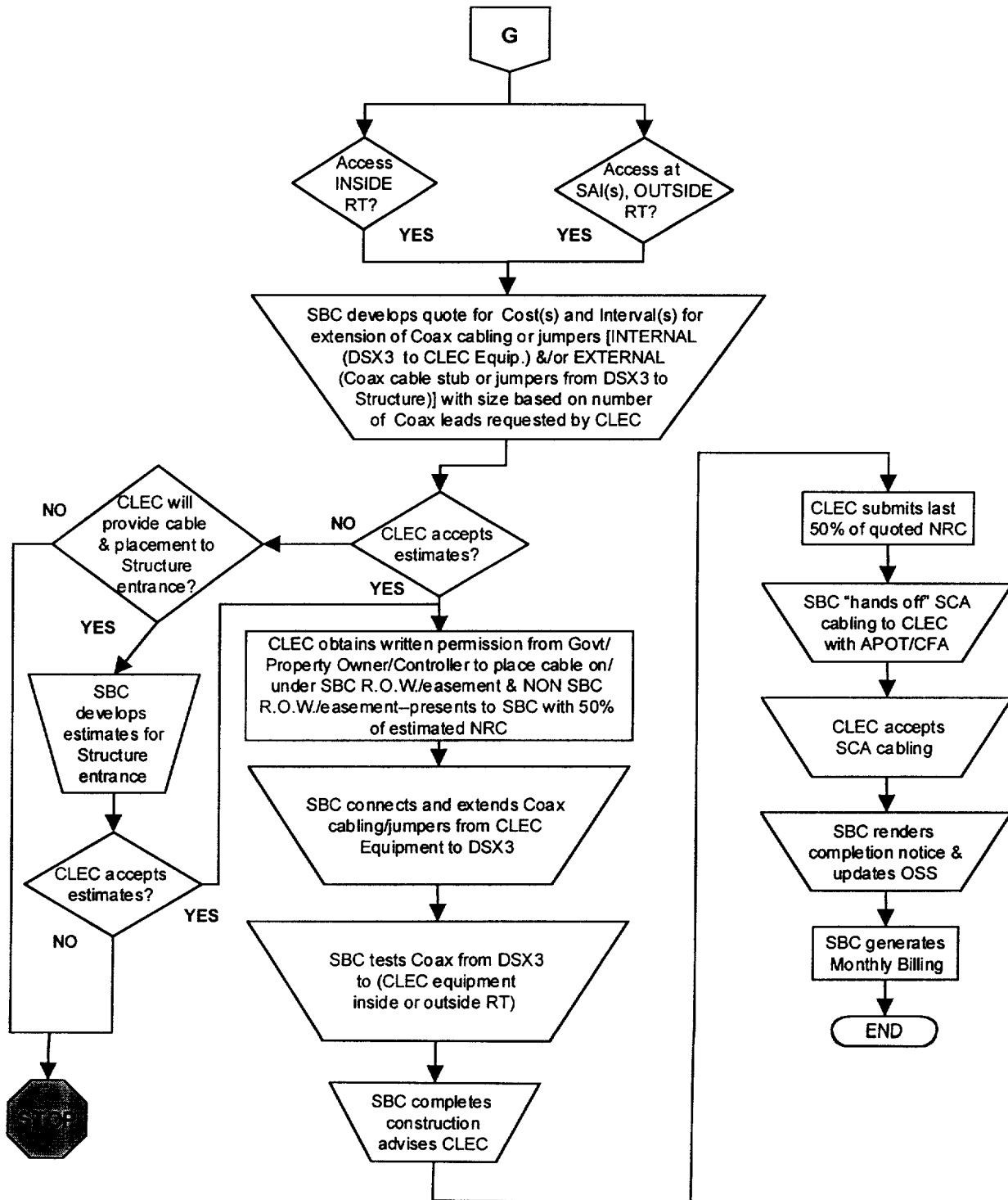
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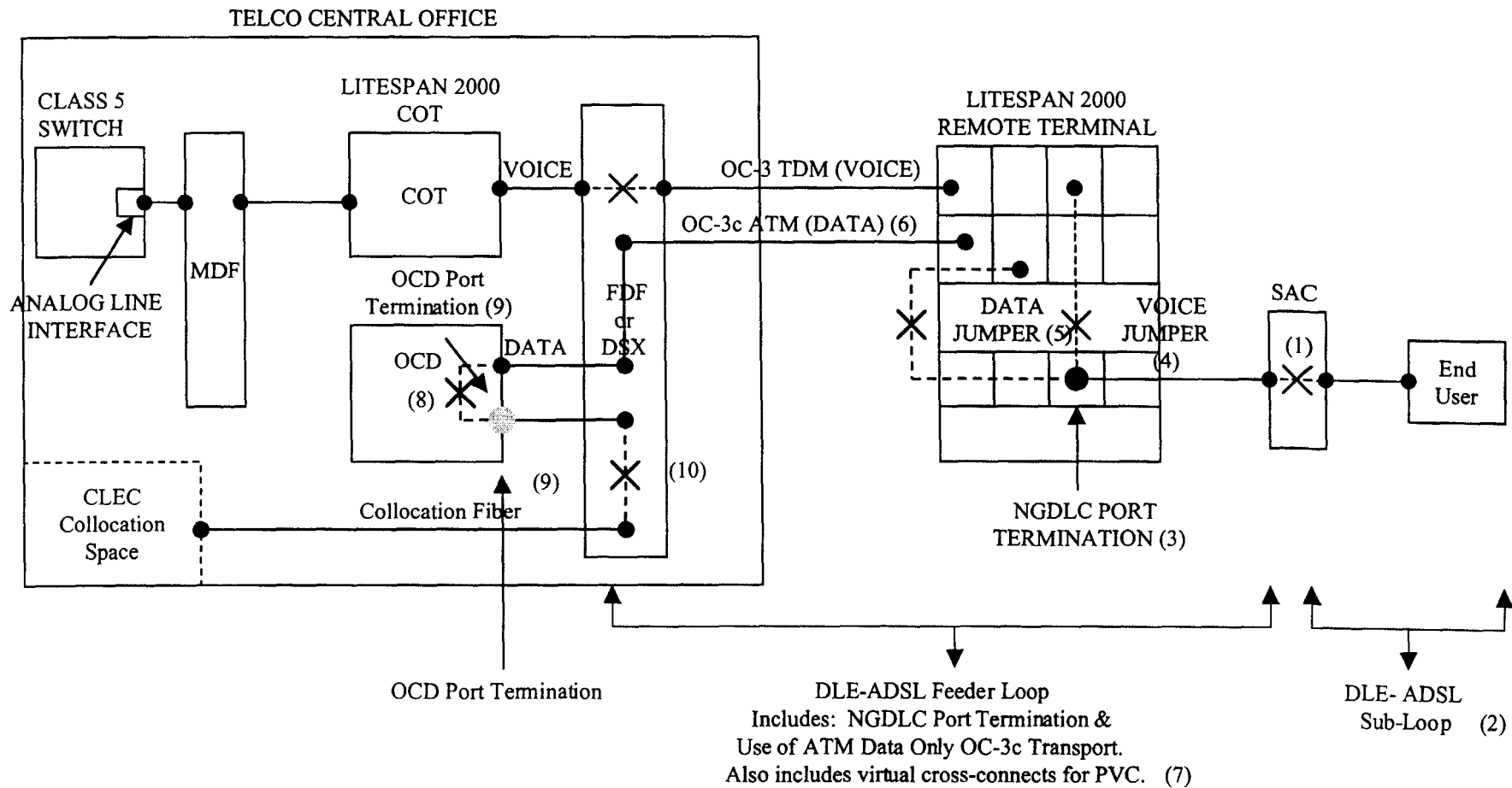




# **BROADBAND SERVICE PRODUCT OVERVIEW**

**June 15, 2000**

# **DIAGRAM 1: BROADBAND DATA SERVICE (LINE SHARED OR DATA ONLY)**



(1) DLE ADSL SAC Cross Connect

(2) DLE-ADSL HFPSL

(3) NG DLC Port Termination

(4) NGDLC Virtual Circuit - Voice

(5) NGDLC Virtual Circuit - Data

(6) OC-3c Dedicated for Data

(7) DLE-ADSL Feeder

(8) OCD Virtual Cross Connect

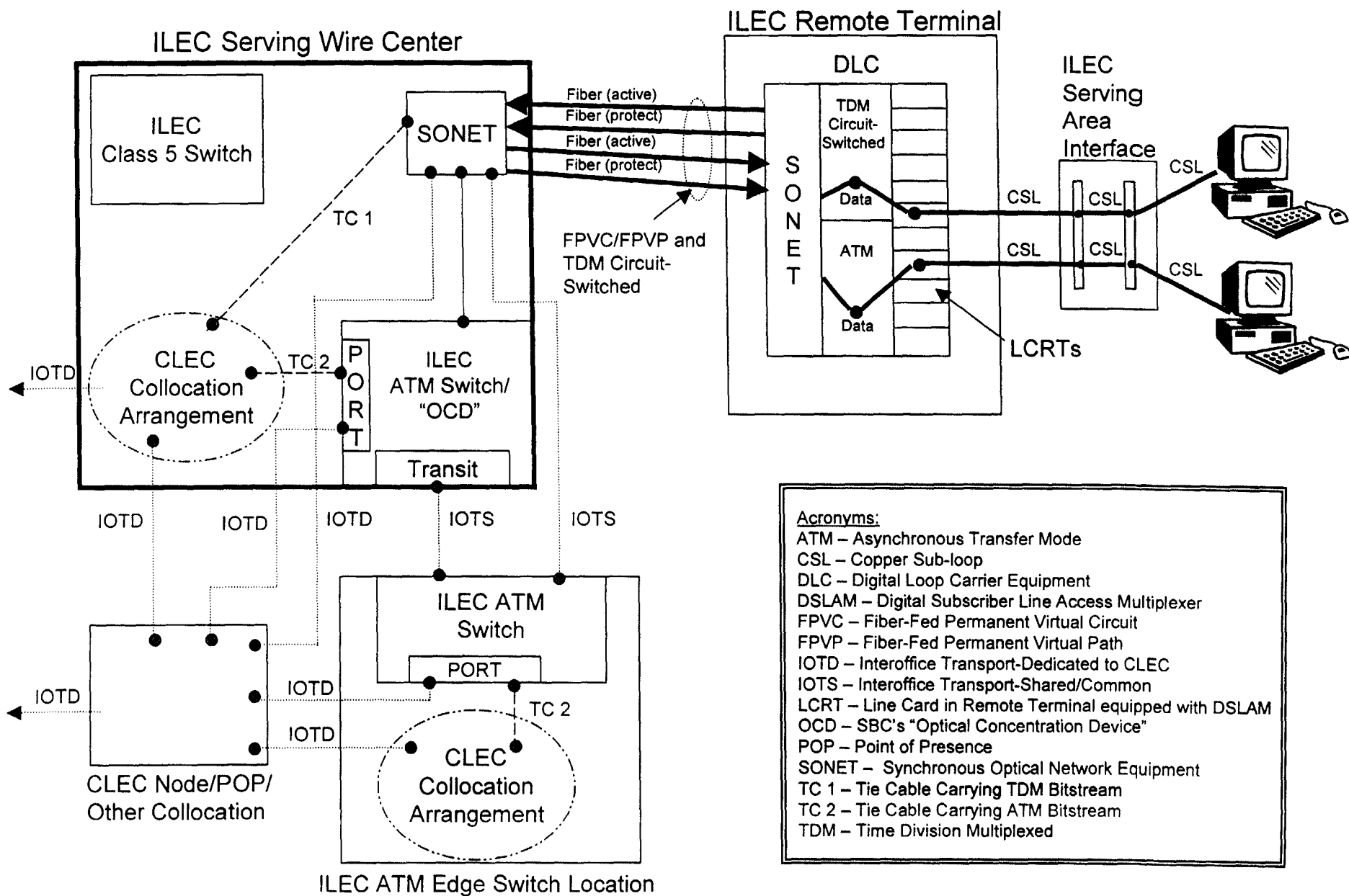
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(10) OCD Cross-Connect to Collocation (or UDT)





# High Bandwidth Services UNE Loop (Fiber-Fed DLC Configuration)







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## **SBC Announces Sweeping Broadband Initiative**

**First major post-merger initiative  
involves planned \$6 billion investment  
over three years**

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**O**n October 18, 1999, SBC announced its first major initiative from the merger with Ameritech. The initiative, called Project Pronto, involves the company's entire 13 state in-region territory, and is designed to transform SBC into a broadband service provider capable of meeting all customers' needs for data, voice and video products. SBC plans to invest more than \$6 billion over the next three years in fiber, electronics and ATM technology in order to create a robust, comprehensive, data-centric broadband network architecture.

This initiative will dramatically improve SBC's cost structure, while greatly expanding the company's ability to deliver broadband services to all its customers.

SBC's broadband initiative is much more than a local loop or DSL strategy. These investments will make broadband the standard for SBC's network, fundamentally changing the way the company operates. In addition, the investments will position SBC to effectively and efficiently capitalize on changes in technology, as well as changes in customer demand.

The time is right to make these significant investments. The performance of broadband technologies has improved dramatically while the associated

the company to deliver end-to-end broadband services locally, throughout its markets and to the 30 out-region markets SBC plans to enter.

but this network deployment will give SBC the flexibility to readily move to other voice protocols, including voice over ATM, voice over ADSL and, ultimately, voice over IP. Data traffic will be diverted from the circuit-switched network, packetized and adapted to Internet Protocol. This approach to voice and data traffic will allow SBC to fully utilize the capacity of the existing circuit-switched network, while focusing ongoing capital expenditures on data capabilities.

*'The network efficiency improvements alone pay for this initiative, leaving SBC with a data network that will be second to none.'*

costs have declined. Customer demand for broadband services is real and growing rapidly. Cumulatively, these factors present SBC with a compelling business opportunity. The network efficiency improvements alone will pay for this initiative, leaving SBC with a data network that will be second to none in its ability to satisfy the exploding demand for broadband services. This new network structure, combined with SBC's partnership with Williams Communications — which is the nation's newest, most advanced long-distance network — enables

### **\$6 Billion Network Investment**

Of the \$6 billion that SBC plans to invest over the next three years, 75 percent will be directed toward improvements to the basic local loop infrastructure (i.e., fiber feeder and next-generation remote terminals). The remaining 25 percent will fund other infrastructure improvements, especially in the tandem and interoffice network. Upon completion, SBC's next-generation network will be capable of meeting customers' voice, data and video needs with the right technology, at the right speeds and with the right reliability.

SBC's new network architecture is designed to be optimum from both a voice and data perspective. It will be scalable, with the capability to manage the ongoing shift in voice and data traffic volumes. Voice traffic today is predominantly circuit switched,

### **Project Pronto Highlights**

- \$6 billion capital investment
- Annual savings of \$1.5 billion by 2004
- Capital and expense savings pay for initiative on NPV basis
- \$3.5 billion in new revenue by 2004
- 100 basis-point improvement in annual revenue growth
- Significant value creation, well in excess of \$10 billion NPV

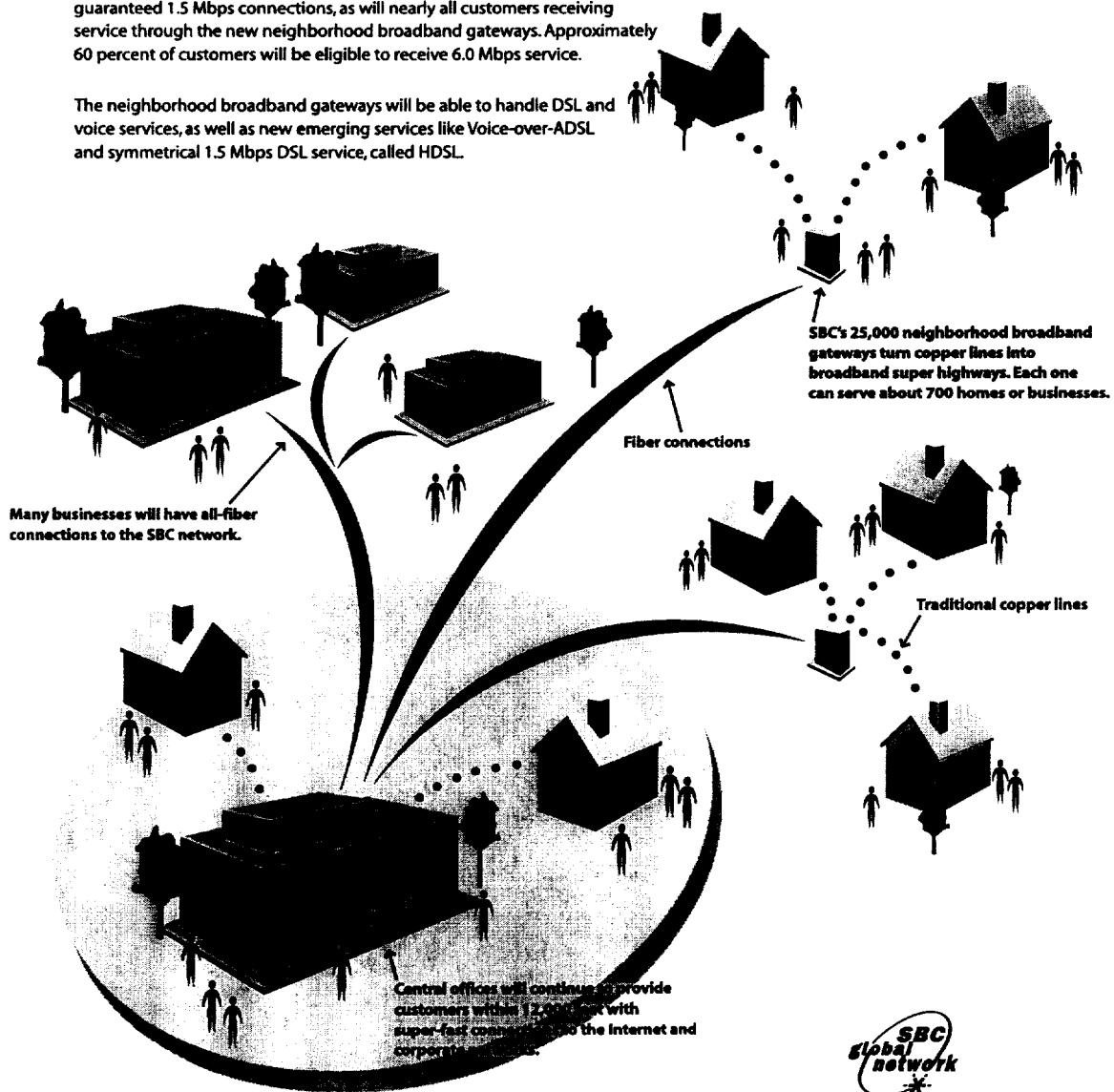
The higher speeds afforded by these network improvements will enable SBC to offer a myriad of Internet-based video products — including video streaming and video conferencing — on its landline networks. These network improvements also will allow SBC

# SBC's New Broadband Neighborhood Network

**SBC will deploy fiber deeper into neighborhoods and equip them with neighborhood broadband gateways, putting network capabilities closer to customers and making super-fast Internet access widely available.**

Customers within 12,000 feet of a central office facility will receive guaranteed 1.5 Mbps connections, as will nearly all customers receiving service through the new neighborhood broadband gateways. Approximately 60 percent of customers will be eligible to receive 6.0 Mbps service.

The neighborhood broadband gateways will be able to handle DSL and voice services, as well as new emerging services like Voice-over-ADSL and symmetrical 1.5 Mbps DSL service, called HDSL.



to provide television entertainment as the technology evolves and becomes financially feasible to implement. SBC will also have the flexibility to continue to offer video and Internet services using satellite transmission through its strategic marketing and distribution agreement with DIRECTV™.

### Loop Infrastructure

SBC plans to invest approximately \$4.5 billion to initially extend the reach of broadband capability to more than 80 percent of its customer base. SBC estimates that this deployment will immediately enable at least 60 percent of its broadband customer base to have guaranteed download speeds of six megabits per second (Mbps), with the remainder having guaranteed speeds of 1.5 Mbps or more. Further improvements in these speeds are expected as technology advances.

To achieve this kind of broadband penetration, SBC will place or upgrade approximately 25,000 remote terminals at an average cost of approximately \$86,000 each. These next-

generation remote terminals are also referred to as "neighborhood broadband gateways." Fiber backbones will be deployed to connect these neighborhood broadband gateways to about 1,400 central offices throughout SBC's 13-state territory. Fiber, as well as costs for systems and other requirements, is estimated to average about \$1.7 million per central office.

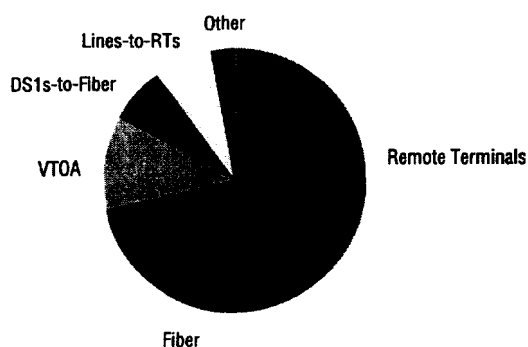
The deployment of fiber and next-generation remote terminals will enable SBC to overcome loop-length and line condition limitations in its network. While one immediate advantage of this deployment is the broader availability of ADSL, it also gives SBC the flexibility to react efficiently and effectively to

continuing technological improvements and market developments. Planning includes deployment scenarios for VDSL or APON (ATM Passive Optical Network) technology to address customers' television entertainment needs, as these platforms become technically and financially feasible.

### Other Network Infrastructure

SBC intends to spend an additional \$1.8 billion to upgrade other portions of its network in order to improve efficiency. Forty percent of this investment is targeted for a technology that SBC is pioneering called Voice Trunking over ATM, or VTOA.

**Network Infrastructure Capital Spending**  
(Breakdown of \$6 billion capital investment)



## New Broadband Products

**HDSL:** A symmetrical 1.5 Mbps DSL service that is ideally suited for video conferencing or collaborative computing.

**Access Advantage Plus:** Provides a customer with DS1 or DS3 channelized service allowing the integration of voice and data on one single facility. The DS1 service provides up to 24 DS0 channels to which a menu of products can be connected. The DS3 service provides up to 28 DS1 channels to which a menu of products can also be connected.

**Switched Virtual Circuit (SVC):** A capability for ADSL subscribers that enables the user to accommodate multiple connections on the personal computer. Users can establish a connection to an Internet Service Provider as well as a connection to a corporate LAN without having to change the PC software configuration and reboot the PC.

**Voice Over ADSL (VoDSL):** Expands on existing DSL service capabilities by providing up to 4 derived voice channels over the ADSL line and primary POTS line. VoDSL will provide a solution for our customers' current and future integrated voice and data needs. VoDSL will offer simplicity, flexibility, convenience and cost savings. In addition to these customer realized service benefits, VoDSL will provide potential infrastructure benefits that should enable SBC to reduce operations costs and improve its ability to scale and manage network services.

**Splitterless DSL:** Provides a full rate DSL service where the customer would receive a drop shipment and self-install the equipment. The equipment would consist of a modem, NIC card and filters. The filters would be customer installed in-line, low-pass microfilters for each analog device. The purpose is to filter out high-frequency signals so that both the voice and data can share common inside wiring. Splitterless DSL would eliminate the need for a technician to install a splitter and the inside wire. It also eliminates the need for the customer to have the CPE installed by a technician.

**G.Lite:** A technology that utilizes a new international standard for use with DSL services. The use of G.Lite technology as part of SBC's ADSL offering may reduce the complexity of an on-site installation by eliminating the need for new wiring and a special signal "splitter" that separates voice and data at the user's home. G.Lite technology does, however, require the use of customer installed filters at each telephone and analog device, such as answering and fax machines. This is referred to as "plug and play" consumer installation.

**VPOP Dial Access Service (VPOP-DAS):** A cost-effective solution to modem pooling. VPOP-DAS provides for the termination of calls and interconnection to the SWBT network of Data Service Providers (DSPs). SWBT owns, maintains and monitors the modems and associated equipment. Dial Access Service allows SBC's Data Service Provider customers to receive multiple calls from end-users with analog and ISDN lines, transport data traffic to single location via SBC Frame Relay service, and avoid deployment of DSP-owned modems and related equipment.

**Traffic Aggregation Services (TAS):** Provides a complete transport solution to ISPs or businesses that are interested in purchasing volume DSL and VPOP-DAS. This service provides the customer increased flexibility to delineate groups of customers while making it easier to manage hundreds/thousands of incoming DSL/VPOP-DAS connections. Service components of TAS are:

- Aggregate DSL subscribers and delivers them over ATM using L2TP tunneling or Virtual Circuits to identify specific subscribers.
- Aggregate subscriber traffic (DSL, VPOP-DAS and FR) from multiple LATAs so that an ISP or business customer needs only one connection to SBC's nationwide network. This will be handled via a complementary carrier of the customer's choice.
- Customized solutions to customers' unique needs including specialized tunneling arrangements and CPE installation/maintenance for telecommuting applications.

**ATM Circuit Emulation Service (CES):** An enhancement to SBC's Cell Relay networking family of products that allows customers with existing, or planned, Primary Rate ISDN (PRI) or SuperTrunk circuits to emulate and aggregate those circuits with their ATM traffic. As ATM is essentially a packet rather than a circuit-oriented transmission technology, it must emulate circuit characteristics in order to provide good support for Constant Bit Rate (CBR) circuit traffic. ATM CES provides customers with the capability of directly connecting standard Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) circuit traffic over the ATM network. Customers also have increased flexibility, efficiency and cost savings resulting from aggregating voice and data traffic with their ATM traffic. And, ATM CES allows customers to maintain their TDM investment while migrating their dedicated circuits with TDM traffic onto the ATM network. They can introduce ATM technology gradually without isolat-

ing or stranding sites with substantial TDM investment.

**Virtual Point Of Presence (VPOP) CES Service:** Allows Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to establish virtual POP locations in any region for LATA-wide transport of dial-up Internet traffic. Traffic from multiple areas can be aggregated onto single ATM connections. Even Frame Relay traffic can be converted to ATM using the FRATM-Service Interworking (FRATM-SI) Enhancement.

**Enterprise VPN:** Enables large and medium business customers to establish a Virtual Private Network (VPN) via the SBC Internet Protocol (IP) network. EVPN is differentiated from traditional Internet access by enhanced security and performance guarantees. Standard features include:

- Dedicated or Dial Access Customers have the option of accessing the service through a Frame Relay, ADSL, or private line connection (56Kbps — 622Mbps) or via dial access using an analog modem or an ISDN connection.
- EVPN Service Backbone provided on a shared wide-area IP routed network backbone with a core that is based on SONET and ATM.
- Performance Level Guarantees are higher than those in the public Internet.
- Enhanced Security accomplished with firewalls, tunneling and encryption, delivering better security than available via today's Internet.
- Options available include network hosted applications, LAN support, and Desktop communications and applications support.

**Online Office:** Targets medium and small businesses with packages of:

- EVPN — The EVPN service as described above for customers with multiple sites.
- Network Hosted Applications — A suite of network hosted applications. Initially, network hosted applications in the package will include web hosting and e-mail. Subsequent applications will include E-commerce, calendar and scheduling, salesforce automation and other business software (e.g., accounting, human resources).
- LAN Support — LAN installation, maintenance and repair in support of an end-to-end service.
- Desktop Support — Support for the communications aspects of the desktop computer and for the Online Office applications.
- Options Available — Desktop applications support.



VTOA involves the scheduled and sequenced replacement of standard circuit-switch tandems with packet-based ATM switches within the core of the network. It's one of the first technologies being planned for wide deployment in order to make convergent voice and data networks practical. SBC intends to begin field trials in 2000 in Houston and Los Angeles.

Once the trials prove successful, the ensuing deployment would be one of the largest of its type. The convergence of voice and data backbones will significantly increase network efficiency and scalability by allowing SBC to transport voice traffic the same way as data — via packets — and with the same level of call quality

and reliability that SBC provides today.

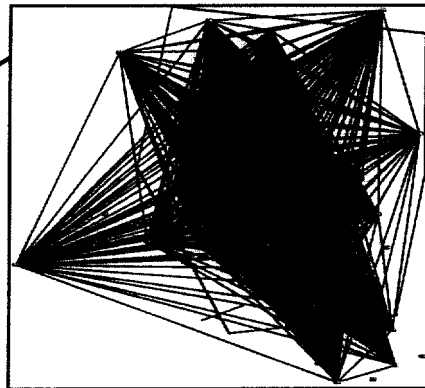
TRI, the company's research-and-development arm, has been testing VTOA exhaustively under real-life conditions. Their extensive analysis of SBC's Houston network, for example, revealed that the transition to VTOA should reduce the number of tandem switches required from four to one, resulting in a 74-percent reduction in trunk groups.

The company expects to convert 34 of 109 existing tandems to ATM-distributed tandems. Implementing VTOA also would enable SBC to avoid the forecasted deployment of 21 additional tandems in the next seven to 10 years.

Other infrastructure investments are planned to improve network efficiency. One-fourth of the \$1.8 billion targeted for network efficiency initiatives will be dedicated to upgrading a significant number of locations currently served via copper-based DS1s to new, lower cost fiber facilities. Another 25 percent will be targeted for moving existing

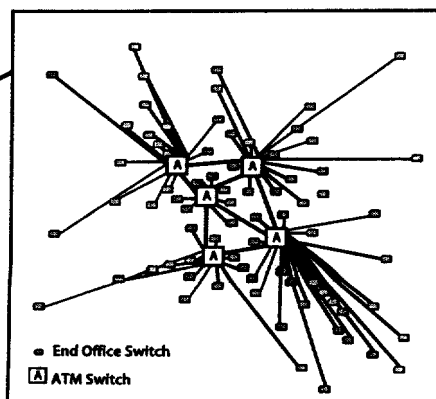
## Houston Network Present VTOA

4 tandems  
Approximately  
500K trunks  
76 end offices  
2,700 trunk  
groups



## Houston Network Future VTOA

2003  
1 VTOA tandem  
Approximately  
464K trunks  
76 end offices  
700 trunk  
groups



voice lines to new fiber-fed remotes. The remaining 10 percent will be targeted for upgrading the overall condition of the network.

### **Cost Structure of Network**

SBC's new network investments will have a profound impact on its cost structure; in fact, the efficiencies SBC expects to gain will pay for the cost of the deployment on an NPV basis. These efficiencies are conservatively targeted to yield annual savings of about \$1.5 billion by 2004 (\$850 million in cash operating expense and \$600 million in capital expenditures).

### **Expense Savings**

The new loop infrastructure, with the additional dedicated feeder capacity the fiber provides, will substantially reduce the need to rearrange outside plant facilities when installing new or additional services. By avoiding dispatches on many installations, SBC expects to realize efficiencies in its installation and maintenance operations. Other anticipated efficiencies will

come from reduced activity required in the remaining copper plant because of improved reliability. A fiber-based distribution network is expected to be less vulnerable to weather conditions, thereby reducing trouble reports.

In some cases SBC is making investments in new technologies to dramatically reduce the cost of supporting future growth. A good example is the company's plan to move most of its copper-based DS1s to fiber at certain locations. With the fiber in place, the cost of providing additional bandwidth via electronics will be significantly less than adding more copper lines. Reducing the number of copper-based DS1s has the added benefit of eliminating a source of interference, which will make more the remaining copper-based facilities available for DSL service. In other cases, such as the plan to replace existing circuit-switched tandems with new fast packet technologies, costs associated with future growth as well as maintenance expenses will be reduced.

### **Capital Savings**

Savings in capital expenditures for feeder, trunking and provisioning are targeted as a result of the network investments. Reduced spending on feeder facilities represents 70 percent of the targeted capital savings. The broad deployment of fiber and related electronics will substantially eliminate further deployment of copper facilities for feeder reinforcement. The balance of the capital savings comes from the reduced need for trunking capital, from lower provisioning costs for high-growth services, such as DS1s, and from other improvements in the distribution plant.

### **Revenue Opportunity**

SBC expects its broadband initiative to dramatically improve its ability to deeply penetrate the growing market opportunity for broadband services, especially in the consumer and small and medium business markets. DSL services alone are targeted to add approximately \$3 billion to annual revenue within the next five years,

with another \$500 million coming from other new or replacement products. This \$3.5 billion revenue opportunity represents an additional 100 basis points in top-line growth by 2004.

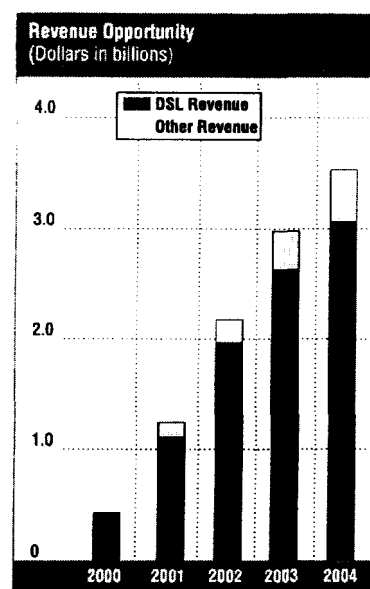
The investments in fiber feeder and next-generation remote terminals are designed to eliminate loop length and network condition limitations, allowing SBC to meet the ultimate objective of bringing broadband capability to substantially all of its customers. In fact, SBC expects to reach more than 80 percent of its customer locations beginning in 2002. SBC expects to reach 35 million customer locations with broadband service in three years.

The ability to offer and promote broadband services to all customers has significant advantages. Network improvements will eliminate the need to "qualify" a customer for DSL services, making citywide promotions far more effective. Likewise, SBC expects that broadband services will be an integral part of its bundled

telecom services. Marketing and promoting bundles that include broadband services will be far more successful in a network environment that is free of concerns regarding customer distance limitations or network disturbers.

SBC's goal is to achieve at least a 50-percent share of the total broadband market penetration. (The broadband market is defined as that portion of SBC customer locations that have the capability to receive landline-based broadband services from one or more providers.) By 2003, SBC expects market penetration to be approximately 30 percent; that is, slightly less than a third of the broadband capable customers will subscribe to some form of broadband access. SBC expects that the broadband market and market penetration will grow to at least half of the customer locations equipped with broadband capability within 10 years.

The size of the broadband market and SBC's objective to



achieve 50 percent of this market penetration implies a DSL subscriber base of more than 6 million by 2004, and more than 10 million before 2009.

With this new architecture, asymmetrical 6 Mbps service will be initially available to 60 percent of the broadband market. And, HDSL (a 1.5 Mbps symmetrical product) will be available to all customers reached with this new architecture. These two new services are estimated to account for about 10 percent of the total projected DSL demand and 25 percent of the revenue opportunity. Other products such as distance learning, video confer-

encing, remote management, web hosting and server hosting represent additional revenue opportunity.

SBC is also targeting at least an additional \$500 million net revenue opportunity by 2004 from other new or replacement products. These products include switched virtual circuit, voice over DSL, and VPOP-DAS (see page 5 for details on these and other products). SBC's new network architecture and its broadband capabilities also position the company to seize additional revenue from new Internet and data-related products that will continue to evolve over the coming

months and years.

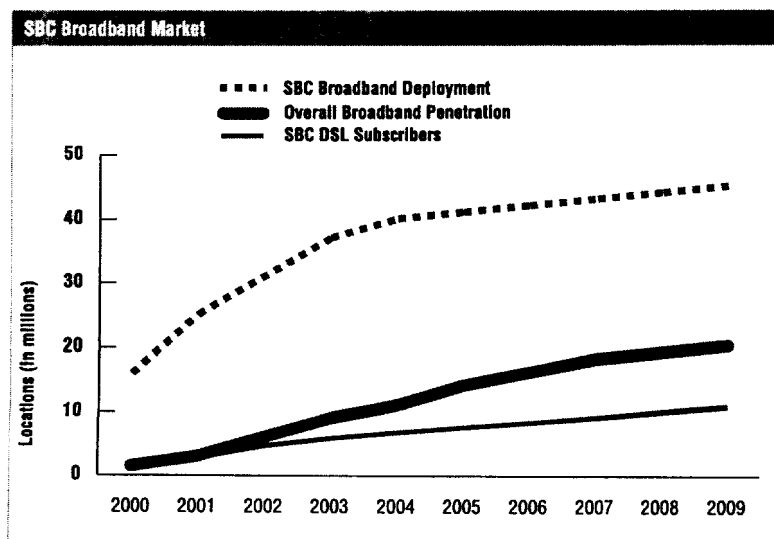
Several of the products enabled by network improvements may be substitutable for existing products, particularly in the business market. For example, voice over ADSL could reduce demand for business lines and 1.5 Mbps symmetrical service could be a substitute for T1s in certain instances.

Dynamic, data-oriented growth in the business market has fostered a migration toward higher bandwidth services — services that are often aggregated on bigger and bigger “pipes.” In the second quarter of 1999, for example, VGEs grew 16.6 percent, driven by strong demand for DS1s and DS3s.

SBC's planning is based on the expectation that business VGEs will continue to grow strongly, fueled by the movement to higher, more efficient broadband capabilities and the integration of voice and data on a single facility. The broadband deployment initiatives will expand the availability of attractive, high-speed services to customers, and improve SBC's competitive position. By having the capability in its network to efficiently offer services such as symmetrical 1.5 Mbps DSL to a much broader market, SBC is positioned to grow business revenues with attractively priced, high bandwidth, competitive products. Additionally, cost structure improvements will give SBC the flexibility to economically respond to continued changes in the marketplace.

### Financial Implications

As previously described, the fixed capital required to implement these initiatives is expected to be \$6 billion. SBC plans to deploy



this capital during the next three years, with almost 75 percent targeted for spending in 2000 and 2001. With current operating cash flows in excess of \$15 billion, the company has plenty of capacity to fund this investment within its existing capital structure. SBC is evaluating whether the network initiatives will result in a write-down to the carrying value of portions of its copper network, especially the local loop. This evaluation, including quantification of any write-down, will be completed in December 1999.

Given the nature of the network deployment, related cash operating expenses should be modest, and within the parameters for merger synergy investments projected at the time of the original Ameritech acquisition announcement. These expenses include developing or modifying operational support systems; staffing, equipping and training field forces for the project; and, rolling circuits from the old network to the new. They should be about 10 percent of the capital spent per year.

The annual cost structure improvements associated with the new network architecture are targeted to reach \$1.5 billion by 2004 (\$850 million in cash operating expense and \$600 million in capital). With the network improvements paying for themselves on an NPV basis, SBC has an outstanding opportunity to create shareowner value through new revenue opportunities. SBC conservatively targets new annual revenue opportunities to exceed \$3.5 billion by 2004, most of which relates to DSL service

#### Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) is a cell-relay service that provides high-speed information transfer capability and near-real-time multimedia communications among multiple locations. ATM service can be deployed both on a local level, as a private local area network (LAN), and over a wide area, as a backbone network or bridge connecting LANs to wide area networks (WANs). ATM access speeds range from 45 Mbps to 155 Mbps, with plans in the works for speeds up to 622 Mbps. ATM is suitable for many applications, including local transport, wide-area transport, voice, data, video, textual images, CAD/CAM, collaborative computing and distance learning.

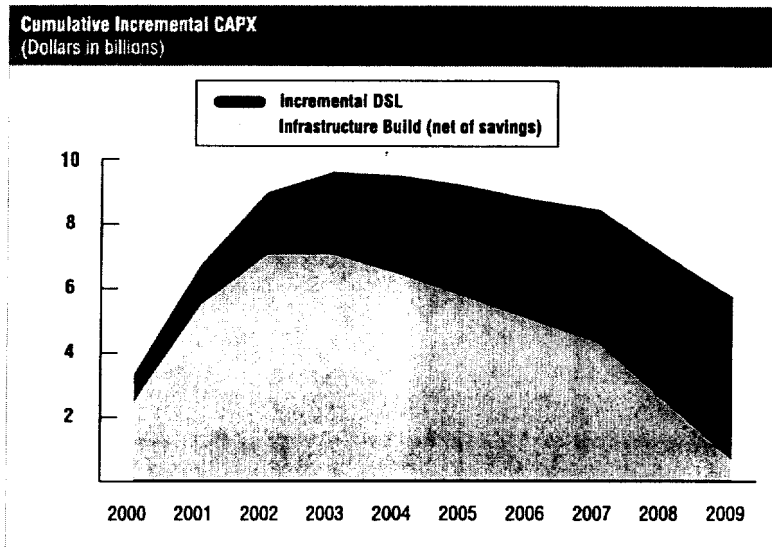
ATM provides users with both scalability and flexibility. It provides scalability by allowing for various rates of access speed, and by allocating bandwidth on an as-needed basis for "bursty" transmissions that require large amounts of bandwidth over short periods of time. ATM provides flexibility because it can support multiple services over a wide area, including frame relay. Considering these attributes, as well as its current availability, ATM is viewed as the logical "next step" as users migrate toward higher-capacity broadband transmission services.

The most significant benefit of ATM is its uniform handling of services, allowing one network to meet the needs of many broadband services. ATM accomplishes this because its cell-switching technology combines the best advantages of both circuit switching (for constant bit-rate services such as voice and image) and packet switching (for variable bit-rate services such as data and full-motion video) technologies. The result is the bandwidth guarantee of circuit switching combined with the high efficiency of packet switching.

offerings. Revenue growth is targeted to improve 100 basis points by 2004 as a result of the expanded broadband opportunity.

SBC's planning guidelines assume a two-year payback period per DSL customer by 2004. On a per-subscriber basis, DSL products are expected to require incremental capital — for the DSLAM and equipment at the customer premise — of just under \$500. Customer acquisition costs are targeted at \$350 per subscriber. Recurring EBITDA per month is targeted at \$35. These per-subscriber metrics assume cost improvements over the next five years, as well as price reductions.

The overall earnings impact associated with DSL and other revenue opportunities from Project



Pronto is about 6 to 8 cents dilution in 2000; less than half that amount in 2001; and net-income positive by 2002.

In summary, SBC's new broadband platform and greatly expanded broadband revenue potential give SBC the opportunity to create significant shareowner value — well in excess of \$10 billion NPV. The

underlying strategic and financial rationale for these initiatives is compelling. These initiatives provide SBC with superior positioning to address exploding customer demand for high bandwidth services from every perspective — time-to-market, products, capability, technology and cost structure.

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## SBC Loop Qual CLEC Forum List of Current Action Items

Item #	Description	Lead/Team	Due Date	Comments <sup>1</sup>
1A	Digital Loop Carrier (DLC) Information Availability	John Mileham, Danny Watson		<p>9/8/00 – John provided the attached DLC Deployment Chart which covers all four SBC regions. He will also be adding this information to his more extensive Data Elements document (see Action Item 10). It was agreed that this item could now be closed.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">             "DLC Deployment Chart.xls"         </div> <p>9/1/00 – Danny is still working on obtaining the information from the SBC East, Midwest, and Southwest regions.</p> <p>8/25/00 – Danny has provided the SBC West Region information and will be supplying the information for the other three Regions. This will include tables showing which Regions use which DLC_Types. CLECs were asked to provide feedback to John Mileham on the format and content of the information that has been provided so far (distributed with the minutes from the 8/18 meeting).</p> <p>8/18/00 – Danny has provided the DLC_Types for the Pacific region (to be distributed with the minutes of the 8/18 meeting). John will follow up with Danny about when information for the other regions will be available for distribution.</p> <p>8/11/00 – Danny Watson has committed to having this information for release at the next (8/18) meeting of this group. Danny will be asked to provide an estimate of when the data will be available to the CLECs via Loop Qual/Verigate.</p> <p>8/4/00 – Danny is gathering DLC-Type data for all four SBC regions. There are 80 different DLC-Types within California alone. However, Jo Gentry noted that it would probably be sufficient to aggregate the DLC-Types into a few categories which will indicate usability in a data environment. A sample aggregation might be: Integrated DLCs, Universal DLCs, DISCUS and SLCs. It was felt that the Engineers who complete the MLRs would know what the right kind of grouping would be. This concept (of DLC aggregation) will be included in the SBC Change Request (CR33) which is now being developed to improve the quality of SBC's MLR output. Based on this discussion of aggregation, Danny will be asked (at the 8/11 meeting) to provide an estimate of when the category data will be available.</p> <p>7/28/00 – No updates available.</p> <p>7/21/00 – Danny Watson (SBC, C&amp;E, PB/NB) will provide information to John on the contents of the DLC_Type field. It was decided to split this Action Item into two parts: Action Item 1A (to remain with John, concerning the DLC_Type field contents) and 1B (assigned to Kathy Nye, SBC, Loop Qual, to address the</p>

<sup>1</sup> New information is shown in *italics*.